

**Danville-Pittsylvania County Regional
Local Human Rights Committee**
October 20, 2011 – 5:30 PM
United Way Building – 308 Craighead Street, Danville, VA

NOTE: These minutes are subject to approval by the LHRC at its next meeting. Should revisions be made, they will be included as an item in the minutes of that meeting.

LHRC Members in Attendance: Lesa Shelton, Esther Goins, Jeanne White, Kelly Matthews

LHRC Members Not in Attendance: Jeff Rodden, Greg Casker

Other Representatives in Attendance: Roanna Newton, SVMHI Patient Advocate Senior
Kevin Paluszak, Regional VI Advocate

Affiliates Not In Attendance: Children and Family Community Services; Life Support Services; New Hope Support Services; Stanfield Group Home; Virginia Health Partners

Minutes Recorder: Jerri Phillips, SVMHI

Regional LHRC Minutes and Meeting Schedule: The Regional Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) minutes and meeting schedule can be located on the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute's Web Page @ www.svmhi.dbhds.virginia.gov under the heading of Client Advocacy.

Welcome/Call to Order: In the absence of Chairman Greg Casker, the Danville-Pittsylvania County Regional Local Human Rights Committee meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Kelly Matthews.

Approval of Minutes: August 18, 2011 minutes were approved.

Affiliation Request: *Alliant Human Services* is starting a Crisis Stabilization service offering services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The services are located on Piney Forest Road and available to anyone. The committee approved the additional service.

Doss Services requested and received committee approval of a third home. Ms. Doss informed the committee that Doss Services has been placed in a trust and would always be available for residents.

All Care has added a Crisis Stabilization program and will be affiliated with UVA telemedicine, as well as using services from a psychiatrist in the Richmond area. The committee approved the addition of the program.

Advocate's Report: Roanna Newton announced her resignation and introduced Kevin Paluszak as the Regional Advocate. Ms. Newton asked affiliates to make sure that consumers have Mr. Paluszak's email address and phone numbers.

A reminder was given to have quarterly reports in by the 5th of each month. When preparing the annual report, make sure to use the electronic version. When preparing information for the committee meetings, use the quarterly report format. Please email this information to Kevin Paluszak.

Peer to Peer Training: At the request of affiliates, Roanna Newton reviewed a slide presentation and training on Peer to Peer Conflicts. Affiliates were given the opportunity to ask questions.

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Affiliate Reports:

- **Alliant** – No incidents to report.
- **New Inspiration** – Danville currently has 16 clients; Martinsville has 22 clients. No reportables.
- **Negril** – No incidents; no peer to peer; no allegations. Currently there are 35 in Day Support Services.
- **All Care Family Services** – Currently serving 22 clients – No allegations.
- **Danville-Pittsylvania CSB**
 - **Mental Health and Crisis Stabilization and Substance Abuse** – There were 4 unfounded complaints in service.
 - **Intellectual Development** - 1 peer to peer incident which was investigated and was unfounded; 2 infants passed; an allegation against a staff member was unfounded.
- **Danville Regional Medical Center** – 16 patients are currently being served. Two seclusions to report that lasted less than 4 hours. No other incidents.
- **Doss Estates** – No allegations. Licensing citations have been remediated. Medication errors were reported.
- **Family Preservation Services** – A request was made to add a Danville site and was approved by the committee. There were 3 peer to peer incidents and 1 restraint for fighting.
- **The Fletcher Center** – No abuse/neglect.
- **Hughes Center for Exceptional Children** – The current census is 45. There were 69 peer incidents; 2 reports of physical/sexual abuse which proved to be unfounded. There were 149 restraints.
- **The Joshua Home** – No report.
- **Kingdome Dominion** – No incidents.
- **M.T. Sorrell** – 10 clients are being served. 1 client has been hospitalized. There are 2 new employees. There was a licensing visit – citations have been remedied.
- **Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute** – 7 incidents to report (6 consumer; 1 staff). There were 3 DI investigations which were unfounded. 17 seclusions and 6 mechanical restraints were reported.
- **Support Services of Virginia** – Recently underwent a licensing investigation and received 1 neglect citation regarding a medication incident. Additional training has been given to staff. There are currently 28 clients and 70 staff. No other allegation or complaints.
- **Therapeutic Inventions, Inc.** - Serving 4 consumers – no allegations

Election of Committee Secretary: Jeanne White accepted the position of committee secretary. Minutes will be sent to both she and the Regional Advocate for approval before posting.

2011 Meeting Schedule: Members were in agreement to review possibly meeting either at Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute or Danville-Pittsylvania County CSB for better parking access.

The next meeting is on December 1 at 5:30 at the United Way Building

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

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